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### High Surf Advisory in Effect; Inexperienced Swimmers Advised to Stay Out of the Water

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office advised a **high surf advisory** is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Monday along north facing reefs. Large breaking waves of 7 to 10 feet are expected along north facing reefs of the Marianas.

**Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous conditions.**

A **high risk of rip currents** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through late Sunday night. Dangerous rip currents are expected along north and east facing reefs. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from the shore into deeper water. If caught in a rip current, do not swim against the current. Swim in a direction following the shoreline, face the shore and call or wave for help.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to avoid dangerous rip currents, especially north and east facing reefs and beaches. Heed the advice of lifeguards, beach patrol flags, and signs.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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